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BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL INVESTIGATION CONCLUDED

Baltimore, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Allen F. Loucks announced today that our Office's investigation into certain practices of the Baltimore City Council as initially reported in the Baltimore Sun in October of 2003 has been concluded and no charges have been filed.

Mr. Loucks stated that "Our office is charged with considering credible information concerning potential crimes. As a result of such, we have investigated various practices of the Baltimore City Council and concluded that the evidence available to date does not support a successful prosecution. We have acknowledged this investigation only after numerous public disclosures have been made by sources outside this office."